

Gallaudet University

September 22-23, 2016



**Welcome to the Sixth Annual
President's Interfaith and Community
Service Campus Challenge
National Gathering**

U.S. Department of Education



PRESIDENT'S

INTERFAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

CAMPUS CHALLENGE

Welcome to

*800 FLORIDA AVE NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002
SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2016*

Thank you for participating in the Sixth Annual President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge National Gathering. Registration will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the [Elstad Auditorium](#) located at 800 Florida Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002. Our team has created this guide to accommodate you during your time in Washington, DC.

*Thursday, September 22, 2016
Registration begins 11:00am; Sessions are 12:55-6:45pm
Friday, September 23, 2016
8:30am-3:00pm*

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- *Emergency Contact Number:* (202) 550-1715 – Greyson Mann, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Confidential Assistant
- *Meditation Room:* Atrium Chapel (SAC L001) at the Student Academic Center (basement across from the Marketplace Café)
- *Luggage Room:* Elstad Auditorium Storage Room
- *Guest Wi-Fi:* Participants should use BisonNet (must register as a guest and then refresh). Additional instructions can be found by clicking the following link: <http://www.gallaudet.edu/gallaudet-technology-services/help-desk/wireless-bisonnet-and-wired-in-dorms-faq.html>.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- We encourage all participants to post and tweet with the event's official hashtag: #PICSCC.

DRESS CODE

- The dress code for this event is business casual.

GETTING TO CAMPUS

By CAR

Driving: To obtain driving directions to campus, participants can use the Google Maps link provided on the Gallaudet website by clicking [here](#).

Parking: First parking option is 6th street garage. Overflow is over at Union Market. Please display parking pass on P.18 displayed in the dash for either of the lots.

By METRORAIL

The closest *Metrorail* stations are:

1. NoMa-Gallaudet U (Red Line)

If walking from this Metro station to campus (~17 min total), head north on 2nd St NE toward Florida Ave NE, turn right onto Florida Ave NE, turn left onto Lincoln Cir NE.

2. Union Station (Red Line)

If walking from this Metro station to campus (~29 mins total), head east on Union Station Dr NE, take a slight right toward Columbus Cir NE, turn left onto Columbus Cir NE (which will turn right and become F St NE), turn left onto 8th St NE, continue onto Lincoln Cir NE.

By BUS

Buses: Participants may take buses that service NE Florida Ave and NE 8th Street. Metrobus fare for regular routes is \$1.75 using a SmarTrip card or cash.

By TAXI AND RIDESHARE Services

Most common rideshare service used on campus:

Uber: fare estimate from Reagan National Airport to campus is \$15-19

Some common taxi companies in the area:

Yellow Cab (202) 544-1212

Diamond Cab (202) 387-6200

Dial Cab Company (202) 832-4444

Executive Cab (202) 832-2228

Fare estimate from Reagan National Airport to campus: about \$33

By Shuttle

Shuttles will run between NoMa Gaullaudet Metro Station and Elstad Auditorium during the following times:

Thursday 9/22

10:30am-1:30pm; 5:30pm-7:30pm

Friday 9/23

7:00am-10:00am; 2:30pm-5:30pm

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

Gallaudet offers [Capital Bikeshare](#) and [Zipcar](#) stations right on campus where you can reserve a bike or car, respectively.

WHERE TO EAT

Below is the link to register for boxed lunches. Within the link, there is a secured payment feature that takes the user to our secured Payment Net site. If there are questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to Davina Kwong Yu at davina.kwong.yu@gallaudet.edu.

<https://goo.gl/forms/LUCMbMz0Vav2RM0h1>

The Chapel Hall Museum and the Alumni House have been designated as spaces to eat and gather during lunch.

On-Campus Eateries (with Mon-Fri hours provided)

See page 6 for locations

Marketplace Cafe at Student Academic Center	Java Corner at Student Academic Center	Plaza Dining Hall at Hanson Plaza	The Bistro at the Kellogg Conference Center
<i>A-la-carte café featuring breakfast and lunch options</i>	<i>Starbucks coffees, teas, and espresso beverages</i>	<i>All-you-care-to-eat facility with breakfast, lunch, and dinner options</i>	<i>Hotel dining</i>
Breakfast 7:00-10:30am	Coffee service 7:30am-2:30pm	Breakfast 7:00-10:00am	Breakfast 7:00-9:30am
Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm		Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm	Lunch 11:30am-2:00pm
		Dinner 4:30-7:00pm	

Union Market Eateries (13 minute walk, 1 minute drive from Elstad Auditorium)

Bidwell (roof-to-table cuisine; Southern flair and flavor)	Buffalo & Bergen DC (inspired by New York soda shops)	DC Dosa (specialize in the South Indian dosa, vegan and gluten free)	Empanadas DC
DC Mediterranean Corner	Lyon Bakery	Mason Dixie Biscuit Co.	Neopol Savory Smokery (house-smoked foods, sandwiches, salads, soups)
Panorama Bakery	Peregrine Espresso	Rappahannock Oysters Co.	Red Apron Butchery (artisanal charcuterie, salumi, sausages, and hot dogs)
Righteous Cheese	Ris	Saison Wafelbar (authentic Belgian waffles)	Soup Up
TaKorean (Korean tacos)	The BBQ Joint (low and slow BBQ, ribs, pork brisket, sides)	The DC Fishwife	Toli Moli (layered dessert in the style of falooda)

H Street Corridor (about 10 min walk, 5 min drive from Elstad Auditorium)

Over 50 dining and carry-out options listed here

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Please consult your program agenda for a list of breakout sessions and locations. There are ambassadors placed around campus to help direct you to each session location.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- [Postal Museum](#)
 - 2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
- [Union Market](#)
 - 1309 5th Street NE, Washington, DC 20002
- [Smithsonian Museums](#)
- Capitol Hill Neighborhood

CAMPUS MAP

- See below.

Plenary Speaker Biographies

Dr. Diya Abdo A first-generation Palestinian born and raised in Jordan, Diya Abdo (Ph.D., Drew University) is associate professor of English and Chair of the Department of English and Creative Writing at Guilford College, a Quaker liberal arts college in Greensboro, North Carolina. She is the founder and director of *Every Campus a Refuge*, a Guilford College Center for Principled Problem Solving initiative which advocates for housing refugees on campus grounds and assisting them in resettlement. Thus far, Guilford College has hosted two Syrian families and a Ugandan on its campus and assisted them in resettlement in Greensboro. Dr. Abdo's teaching, research and scholarship focus on Arab women writers and Arab and Islamic feminisms with a particular interest in Arab women writers' narrative strategies, life writing, and the cross-cultural translation of autobiography. Her academic publications include articles in *Life Writing*, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, *Pacific Coast Philology*, *Image and Narrative*, *Women's Studies Quarterly*, *Eugene O'Neill Review*, *The Journal of Lesbian Studies* and anthologies on Anglophone Arab writers and women writers, including the MLA's *Approaches to Teaching the Works of Assia Djebar*. She has also published poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction. Her short story *The Love Hoard* was nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and her short memoir "Bad Girl" won the Honorable Mention Award for Creative Nonfiction in the Center for Women Writers 2015 International Literary Awards. Her public essays, which have appeared in *Jadaliyya*, *The Feminist Wire* and *The Electronic Intifada* among others, focus on the intersection of gender, political identity, and vocation.

Mohammed Badran was born and raised in Damascus. When the war started in Syria, Mohammed was studying interior design at Damascus University, but began to receive threats because of his humanitarian work with Syria Trust and UNHCR, eventually forcing him to leave his family and country at 19. His tortuous journey took him back and forth between the Middle East and West Africa, before he finally made it to the Netherlands in 2013. He was finally able to resume his studies at VU Amsterdam University in Cultural Anthropology and Development. As Mohammed gained a Dutch perspective on the refugee crisis and how Europe was struggling to provide support to the growing number of Syrians and other nationalities fleeing war, he joined with Syrian friends in the Netherlands to form a new NGO, Syrian Volunteers in the Netherlands (SYVNL). The organization now has more than 600 volunteers helping older people with household tasks, caring for disabled children, looking after public gardens as well as bringing new ideas by and for newcomers. SYVNL is looking to expand its model in Germany and Sweden.

Dr. Thomas Banchoff is Vice President for Global Engagement at Georgetown University. He also serves as founding director of the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, and as Professor in the Department of Government and the School of Foreign Service. Banchoff's scholarship centers on ethical and religious issues in world politics. His most recent books are *Embryo Politics: Ethics and Policy in Atlantic Democracies* (Cornell University Press, 2011), and three edited volumes, *Religion and the Global Politics of Human Rights*, co-edited with Robert Wuthnow (Oxford University Press, 2011), *Religious Pluralism, Globalization, and World Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2008), and *Democracy and the New Religious Pluralism* (Oxford University Press, 2007). Two of Banchoff's previous books explored the intersection of history, institutions, and values in European politics: *The German Problem Transformed: Institutions, Politics, and Foreign Policy, 1945-1995* (University of Michigan Press, 1999) and *Legitimacy and the European Union: The Contested Polity*, co-edited with Mitchell Smith (Routledge, 1999).

Banchoff received his BA from Yale (summa cum laude) in 1986, an MA from the University of Bonn in 1988, and a Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton in 1993. He was a Conant fellow at Harvard's Center

for European Studies in 1997-98 and a Humboldt Fellow at the University of Bonn in 2000-01. Banchoff was awarded the DAAD Award for Distinguished Scholarship in German studies in 2003.

Zaki Barzinji is a Senior Associate Director of Public Engagement and serves as the White House liaison to Muslim-American communities and other faiths, including Sikhs, Buddhists, Hindus, and others. Prior to joining the White House, he served as Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Governor Terry McAuliffe. He previously served as technology policy adviser to Governor McAuliffe and helped direct the launch of Virginia's first official open data portal. Concurrently, he served as the Governor's liaison to the Virginia Asian Advisory Board. He previously directed AAPI, Arab American, and faith outreach for the 2013 McAuliffe for Governor Campaign. He is also the former President of the Muslim Youth of North America, the oldest and largest national organization serving young Muslim-Americans. He is a native of Sterling, VA.

Roberta J. Cordano, J.D. became the 11th president of Gallaudet University on January 1, 2016. During the announcement of her selection as president, Cordano was recognized as a "transformational leader who is the right person at the right time for Gallaudet." Prior to Gallaudet, Cordano was the vice president of programs for the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. In that role, she was responsible for direct community-based programs to nearly 9,500 people in the areas of early childhood, community mental health, family supportive housing, aging and caregiver services, school reform, and food access. Prior to her position at the Wilder Foundation, Cordano served as interim president for the Center of Healthcare Innovation at Allina Hospital Clinics (now known as Allina Health), and as president of the Park Nicollet Institute and vice president of Park Nicollet Health Services. Prior to her work in health care, Cordano held the position of assistant dean for the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota where she also served as the director of disability services in the Office of Multicultural and Academic Affairs (now known as the Office of Equity and Diversity). Cordano is a founding member of Metro Deaf School, a pre-k through eighth grade, a bilingual-bicultural charter school for deaf and hard of hearing children in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, J.D. began her service as the Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Education on December 13, 2010. She provides leadership to help meet the goal of engaging community-based organizations, both faith-based and secular in building a culture of high expectations and support for education. Her professional life includes working as an elementary school teacher and serving as the President of the Indianapolis Education Association in her hometown, Indianapolis, Indiana; legislative assistant in the United States Senate, legislative counsel for Sears, assistant executive director for Dr. Dorothy Height at the National Council of Negro Women, and director of diversity for Mitsubishi Motors of America. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Education, Rev. Girton-Mitchell served the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA as Associate General Secretary for Justice and Advocacy.

Rev. Girton-Mitchell received a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University, a Master of Science from Indiana/Purdue University in Indianapolis, a law degree from Chicago Kent College of Law and a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary. She is an advocate of lifelong learning.

Katie Gordon is the Program Manager of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute as well as the Coordinator for Campus Interfaith Resources within the Division of Inclusion & Equity at Grand Valley State University. With a bachelor's degree in Political Science & Religious Studies from Alma College and a Master's of Interfaith Action from Claremont Lincoln University, Katie bridges her

academic interest in inter-religious affairs to the practical work of promoting interfaith dialogue and cooperation. Additionally, as an alumna of the Interfaith Youth Core and member of their Speakers Bureau, Katie often speaks on campuses about how interfaith connects to civic engagement, social change, intersectionality, non-religious communities, and the Millennial generation. With a social justice framework applied to her interfaith engagement work, her goal is to promote inclusive and welcoming communities where all can build relationships across difference and thrive from diversity.

Carrie Hessler-Radelet, the 19th Director of the Peace Corps, was sworn in on June 25, 2014. Prior to this, she served as the agency's acting Director and deputy director from 2010–14. A member of a four-generation Peace Corps family, Hessler-Radelet began her career in international development as a Volunteer in Western Samoa (1981–83) teaching secondary school. During her time at the Peace Corps, Hessler-Radelet has led historic reforms to modernize and strengthen the agency to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. She spearheaded efforts to revitalize the Volunteer recruitment, application, and selection process, resulting in record-breaking application numbers in 2015. Hessler-Radelet has also been instrumental in forging strategic partnerships, such as Let Girls Learn, a whole-of-government collaboration with First Lady Michelle Obama to expand access to education for adolescent girls around the world, and the Global Health Service Partnership, which sends physicians and nurses to teach in developing countries.

During Hessler-Radelet's tenure, she championed the health and safety of Volunteers, leading initiatives to improve Volunteer support and risk reduction, and overseeing the implementation of the 2011 Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act.

Hessler-Radelet holds a Master of Science in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Boston University.

Dr. Martha Kanter leads the College Promise Campaign, a national nonpartisan initiative to increase college access, affordability, quality, and completion in American higher education, starting with America's community colleges. She specializes in policy efforts to identify and apply innovative, evidence-based education interventions, financing models, and behavioral incentives to raise America's high school and college graduation rates. Dr. Kanter also serves as a Distinguished Senior Fellow at NYU's Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy. Nominated by President Barack Obama in April 2009, Dr. Kanter served as the U.S. Under Secretary of Education from 2009-2013. Dr. Kanter and her team focused tirelessly on implementing the President's goal "to have the best educated, most competitive workforce in the world by 2020." She oversaw the simplification and successful implementation of the Direct Student Loan program that resulted in a 50-percent increase in college enrollment, growing from 6 to more than 9 million students today who are Pell Grant recipients.

Previously, Dr. Kanter served as President of De Anza College and then Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District in Silicon Valley, California. She began her career as an alternative high school teacher in Lexington, MA. Dr. Kanter holds a B.A. degree in Sociology from Brandeis University, an M.Ed. from Harvard University and an Ed.D. from the University of San Francisco.

Dr. Alexander Levering Kern is a Quaker, ecumenical and interfaith leader, chaplain, and widely-published poet and writer. Alex serves as the first Executive Director of the Center for Spirituality, Dialogue and Service (CSDS) at Northeastern University in Boston, leading the school's campus ministries and developing new models of campus dialogue, global citizenship formation, and

interfaith service learning with a special focus on refugees and immigrants. Prior to coming to Northeastern, Alex served as Protestant Chaplain at Brandeis University and Executive Director of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM), greater Boston's oldest interfaith social justice network and home to the Interfaith Youth Initiative (IFYI). Editor of two books, Alex has served as an adjunct faculty member, speaker, panelist, or consultant at Harvard Divinity School and Pluralism Project, Pendle Hill Quaker Study Center, Andover Newton Theological School, Hebrew College, Boston University School of Theology, the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), and Merrimack College's Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations. His work has been covered by the *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Harvard Gazette*, *Sidwell Friends Alumni Magazine*, and other media. Alex has traveled, studied, and worked in post-earthquake Haiti, post-apartheid Southern Africa, Cold War Europe, the Middle East, Hiroshima, Brazil, rural Honduras, and with Northeastern students on interfaith pilgrimages from Selma to St. Louis and Ferguson and the Arizona-Mexico border.

John B. King, Jr. is the Acting Secretary of Education, a position he assumed in January 2016. Before becoming Acting Secretary, Dr. King had served since January 2015 at the Department as Principal Senior Advisor. In that role, Dr. King carried out the duties of the Deputy Secretary, overseeing all preschool-through-12th-grade education policies, programs and strategic initiatives, as well as the operations of the Department.

King joined ED after serving at the helm of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) from 2011 to 2015. In 2011, he was named the first African-American and Puerto Rican to serve as New York State Education Commissioner. As Commissioner, King served as chief executive officer of NYSED and president of the University of the State of New York (USNY).

He also co-founded and led the nationally recognized Roxbury Preparatory Charter School (Roxbury Prep) in Boston. Under his leadership, Roxbury Prep's predominantly low-income students earned the highest state exam scores of any urban, public middle school in Massachusetts, closed the achievement gap, and outperformed students in the Boston city schools, as well as schools in the nearby affluent suburbs.

King began his career in education as a high school social studies teacher in Puerto Rico and Boston. He holds a B.A. from Harvard University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, and an M.A. and Ed.D. from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Rev. Dr. Jennie S. Knight serves as Director of Engaged Teaching and as Co-Director of Every Campus a Refuge in the Center for Principled Problem Solving at Guilford College. She is the author of *Engaged Teaching in Theology and Religion* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), co-authored with Dr. Renee K. Harrison of Howard University Divinity School, and *Feminist Mysticism and Images of God: A Practical Theology* (Chalice Press, 2011). She is an ordained Baptist Minister, affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists and American Baptists. She has served previously as Director of Religious Education and Assistant Professor in the Practices of Religious Education and Community Ministries at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and as Co-Director of the Youth Discipleship Project at the Claremont School of Theology. She earned her Ph. D. in Religion and Education at Emory University, her M.Div. at the Claremont School of Theology, and her B.A. at Williams College.

Rev. John L. McCullough is President and CEO of global humanitarian agency Church World Service.

CWS has been a leader in providing refugee assistance and immigration services since 1946, and has assisted the resettlement of more than a million people in the United States. Representing the collaboration of 37 different denominations and churches, CWS has worked to help the forcibly displaced, eradicate hunger and poverty, and to advocate for social justice. With a bold and prophetic voice, McCullough notes, “Whether the challenge is chronic or crisis, we dedicate ourselves to working with affected people to hear their needs, then help them access the necessary resources to address those needs and build a foundation for their future.”

Since 2005, McCullough has joined forces with some of the nation’s most diverse and high profile immigration advocates to speak out for just reform that creates a path to citizenship and ensures family unity for America’s 11 million undocumented immigrants. He was among leading advocates cited by media nationally in the February 19, 2013 national tele-press conference announcing the U.S. Alliance for Citizenship roadmap to citizenship campaign.

A graduate of the Boston University School of Theology, McCullough was honored with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003, the Progressive National Baptist Convention “Esther Smith International Mission Award” in 2004, and the Eastern Mennonite University “Peace and Justice Award” in 2005. In 2012, he received the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church “Ecumenical Award”.

Dalia Mogahed is the Director of Research at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, where she leads the organization’s pioneering research and thought leadership programs on American Muslims. Mogahed is former Executive Director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, where she led the analysis of surveys of Muslim communities worldwide. With John L. Esposito, she coauthored the book *Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think*. President Barack Obama appointed Mogahed to the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in 2009. She was invited to testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations about U.S. engagement with Muslim communities, and she provided significant contributions to the Homeland Security Advisory Council’s Countering Violent Extremism Working Group recommendations. She is a frequent expert commentator in global media outlets and international forums. She is also the CEO of Mogahed Consulting.

Eboo Patel is a leading voice in the movement for interfaith cooperation and the Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a national nonprofit working to make interfaith cooperation a social norm. He is the author of *Acts of Faith*, *Sacred Ground* and *Interfaith Leadership*. Named by US News & World Report as one of America’s Best Leaders of 2009, Eboo served on President Obama’s Inaugural Faith Council. He is a regular contributor to the public conversation around religion in America and a frequent speaker on the topic of religious pluralism. He holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship. For over fifteen years, Eboo has worked with governments, social sector organizations, and college and university campuses to help realize a future where religion is a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.

Melissa Rogers serves as Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Rogers formerly served as Director of the Center for Religion and Public Affairs at Wake Forest University Divinity School and as a nonresident Senior Fellow in the Governance Studies program of The Brookings Institution. Prior to her time with Wake Forest University and Brookings, Rogers was the Executive Director of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and General Counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. In 2008 Baylor University Press published a casebook co-authored by Rogers, *Religious*

Freedom and the Supreme Court. In 2009 President Barack Obama appointed Rogers to serve as Chair of his inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. In 2011 she was named to a subgroup of the State Department's Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group. Rogers has testified before subcommittees of the U.S. Senate and House Judiciary Committees. She earned her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Baylor University.

Dr. Varun Soni is the Dean of Religious Life at the University of Southern California, where is also an Adjunct Professor in the School of Religion and a University Fellow at the Annenberg Center on Public Diplomacy. He is the first Hindu in American history to be the chief religious or spiritual leader of a secular college or university, and he holds degrees in religion from Tufts University, Harvard University, the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the University of Cape Town, as well as a law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. A prolific public speaker and scholar of religions, Soni has been interviewed by a number of media outlets, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Associated Press*, *National Public Radio*, *ABC News*, *Sunday Times*, *Forbes* and *Voice of America*. He is the author of *Natural Mystics: The Prophetic Lives of Bob Marley and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan* and he contributed to the edited volume *My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation*. He also produced the critically acclaimed graphic novel *Tina's Mouth: An Existential Comic Diary*, which is currently being adapted as a television show. His essays and commentaries have appeared in a number of print and online publications, including the *Huffington Post*, *Washington Post*, *Jewish Journal*, *Religion Dispatches*, *CrossCurrents*, and *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*.

Wendy Spencer is CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. On April 9, 2012, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Wendy Spencer to serve as CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). In June 2013, President Obama named Spencer as the co-chair of the President's Task Force on Expanding National Service. The Task Force builds on Spencer's efforts to position national service as a solution to our country's most pressing challenges. Her efforts to engage elected officials include creating the annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, a nationwide bipartisan effort engaging more than 1,000 mayors in recognizing the impact of national service and expressing appreciation for Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and volunteerism.

Spencer's management career spans 30 years and includes leadership roles in government, nonprofits, and the private sector. Prior to coming to Washington, D.C., she served as the CEO of the Florida Governor's Commission on Volunteerism where she connected national service and volunteer strategies to meet state prioritized needs. Spencer coordinated volunteer efforts in response to disasters, including eight record-breaking storms from 2004 to 2005. Additionally, she served as the Director of the Florida Park Service, where she oversaw natural resource and recreational management for 158 state parks spanning 600,000 acres.

Chris Stedman is a Fellow of Silliman College at Yale University and Executive Director of the Yale Humanist Community. Previously a Humanist chaplain at Harvard University, he is the author of [*Faithist: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious*](#). A Contributing Editor at *Religion News Service* and advisor to *Religion Dispatches*, Chris is a committed Humanist and interfaith activist and previously served as the co-founder and Emeritus Managing Director of [State of Formation](#) at the *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*, as the atheist columnist for RNS, and as a Content Developer and Adjunct Trainer for [Interfaith Youth Core](#) (IFYC). *Details* magazine named Chris as one of "five next-gen gurus who are disrupting religion's status quo" and *Mic* called him "the millennial who's busting every stereotype about atheists." He has appeared on *CNN*, *msnbc*, and

Fox News, and has written for publications including *Salon*, *CNN*, *msnbc*, *The Advocate*, *USA Today*, *The Huffington Post*, and *The Washington Post*.

Tina Tchen is an Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady Michelle Obama. Within the Obama Administration she also serves as the Executive Director for the Council on Women and Girls and the past Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Tchen was previously a partner in corporate litigation at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. In that capacity, Tchen represented public agencies in state and federal class actions, including the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, and the Chicago Housing Authority. Tchen is the recipient of many awards, including the Leadership Award from the Women's Bar Association of Illinois (1999); "Women of Achievement" award from the Anti-Defamation League (1996); and Chicago Lawyer "Person of the Year" (1994).

Chanan Weissman is an Associate Director of Public Engagement and serves as the White House liaison to the American Jewish community. He previously served as the spokesperson for the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and in a number of other capacities at the State Department. Before entering government service as a Presidential Management Fellow, he worked at several communication consultancy firms. He earned his Master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and his Bachelor's degree in journalism and government & politics from the University of Maryland. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife and three daughters.

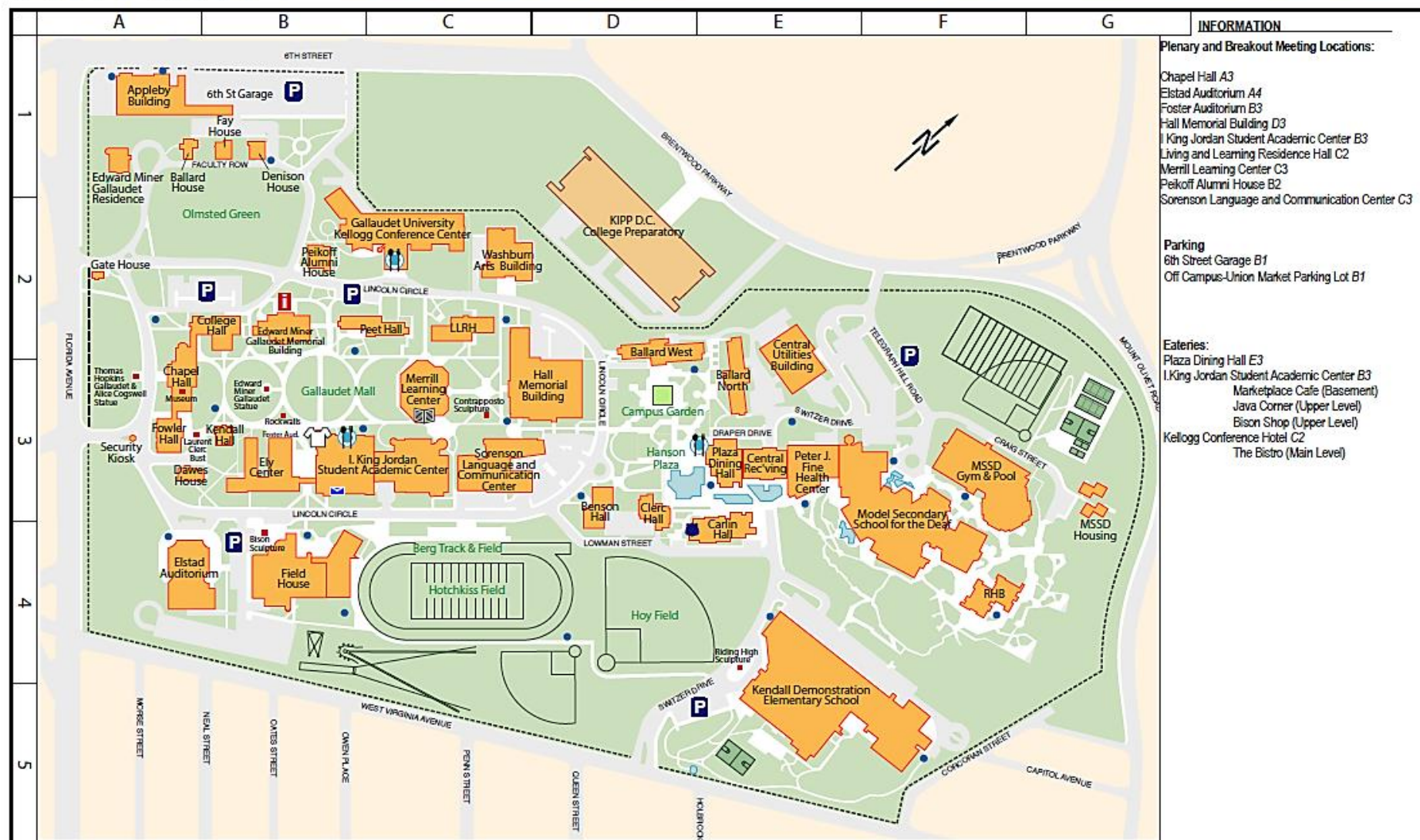
Dr. Andria Wisler serves as Executive Director of the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching, and Service at Georgetown University. As Associate Teaching Professor, she is a member of the core faculty of the Program on Justice and Peace. Andria received her Ph.D. in Comparative and International Education and Philosophy from Columbia University and master's in International Educational Development and Peace Education from Teachers College. Her research and teaching are in the fields of peace education, conflict studies, and international educational development, and her principal interest lies in the transformative potential of educational initiatives in post-conflict societies and for girls living in urban poverty. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Andria began her vocation within education as a school teacher at an independent school, the Cornelia Connelly Center, which serves girls of immigrant families of the Lower East Side, New York City.

At Georgetown, Andria participated in the inaugural group of Doyle Fellows, a campus initiative on inclusion and diversity, the Engelhard Initiative, and in the Fall 2010 semester, Andria was a faculty-in-residence in Georgetown's Alanya, Turkey study abroad/community living-and-learning program. Andria co-edited (with Celina Del Felice and Aaron Karako) *Peace Education Evaluation* (Information Age, 2015), a first of its kind resource of 20 chapters that reviews the trends and challenges in evaluation of peace education, presents case studies of programs around world, and offers ideas for methodological innovations. She is married to Bill Rebeck, Professor of Neuroscience, and mother to Jackson.

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Plenary and Breakout Meeting Locations:

Chapel Hall A3
 Elstad Auditorium A4
 Foster Auditorium B3
 Hall Memorial Building D3
 I King Jordan Student Academic Center B3
 Living and Learning Residence Hall C2
 Merrill Learning Center C3
 Peikoff Alumni House B2
 Sorenson Language and Communication Center C3

Parking

6th Street Garage B1
 Off Campus-Union Market Parking Lot B1


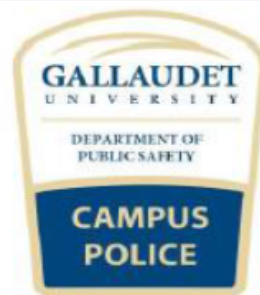
Eateries:

Plaza Dining Hall E3
 I King Jordan Student Academic Center B3
 Marketplace Cafe (Basement)
 Java Corner (Upper Level)
 Bison Shop (Upper Level)
 Kellogg Conference Hotel C2
 The Bistro (Main Level)

P Visitor Parking **I** Visitors Center B2 Bookstore B3 Library C3 Dining C2, C3, E3 Post Office B3 Safety & Security E4 Emergency Blue Lights

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6th Street Parking Lot		
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Issued By:	Department of Public Safety	
Event Start Date:	September 22th, 2016	
Event End Date:	September 23th, 2016	
This permit has been issued by the Department of Public Safety. This permit is valid from the dates indicated above, expiring at midnight of the date shown. --Parking & ID Staff		

**This permit is not valid for Gallaudet University faculty/staff.
Spaces marked in each lot will be reserved for Gallaudet handicapped only. Visitors are responsible for any parking citations they receive, and if parked on different parking lot.**